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AIR FREIGHT UP 14.4% IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 21, 1988 -- Air freight traffic increased 14.4 percent in August, compared with August a year ago, and was up 17.2 percent for the first eight months of this year for the 22 air carriers reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in August rose 12.1 percent. Mail increased 5.0 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 10.6 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in August was up 17.1 percent. Mail increased 2.6 percent, and total cargo rose 15.7 percent.

In the first eight months of the year, domestic air freight had a gain of 14.4 percent. Mail increased 3.1 percent, and total cargo was up 11.8 percent.

International air freight in the first eight months rose 20.6 percent. Mail was up 2.4 percent, and total cargo increased 18.7 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
AUGUST	1988	412,981	101,370	514,351	377,494	34,430	411,924	790,475	926,275
AUGUST	1987	368,335	96,575	464,910	322,405	33,544	355,949	690,740	820,859
PERCENT CHANGE		12.1	5.0	10.6	17.1	2.6	15.7	14.4	12.8
8 MONTHS	1988	3,127,267	842,437	3,969,704	2,853,884	275,603	3,129,487	5,981,151	7,099,191
8 MONTHS	1987	2,734,468	816,717	3,551,185	2,367,290	269,225	2,636,515	5,101,758	6,187,700
PERCENT CHANGE		14.4	3.1	11.8	20.6	2.4	18.7	17.2	14.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.